

Maintenance Requirements & Fees

- The municipality maintains the applications, inspection records and other relevant information necessary to administer an authorized local program.
- A municipality has to submit a written annual report to the Department by March 31, based on the activities undertaken during the previous calendar year of authorized local program operation.
- Rather than each landowner paying a fee to the Department, the municipality pays an annual fee to the Department by March 31st for previous year's activity.
- The annual fee is \$75.00 for each construction site that the municipality authorizes under this program during the previous calendar year but in no case less than \$500 nor more than \$3,500 in total.
- A municipality might choose to increase its permit fees to enhance its erosion control and storm water management program needs.

Where Can I get More Information About the Construction Site Authorized Local Program?

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Authorized

Local Program For Storm Water Construction Site Permitting

Under s. NR 216.415, Wis. Adm. Code

- **Promotes efficient, integrated administration of state and municipal construction site erosion control and storm water management programs**
- **Streamlined permitting for landowners**

What is an ALP?

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department), under s. NR 216.415, Wis. Adm. Code, allows a municipality to become an Authorized Local Program (ALP) to allow a municipality to authorize coverage under a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) storm water construction site permit.

A municipality with an ALP handles the technical and administrative responsibilities of the permit to assure compliance with both local and state construction site erosion control and storm water management requirements. Municipalities that have staff that already manage construction sites should find this program attractive.

What Are the Benefits of an ALP?

- ALPs facilitate the integration of erosion control and storm water requirements with other local planning and zoning functions.
- ALPs promote efficient, integrated administration of state and municipal construction site erosion control and storm water management programs.
- Landowners deal with one agency — simplifying and speeding up the permit process.
- ALPs will have a greater sense of control by being the primary erosion control and storm water administering authority.
- A landowner of a construction site that receives authorization by an ALP simultaneously obtains coverage under the Department's construction site storm water runoff discharge permit no. WI-S067831.

What Is Required to Become an ALP?

Submit an application to the Department by October 1 of the year prior to the anticipated start date.

The Department will review the application and any other relevant information to determine whether to authorize the local program. The Department will base its decision on the applicant's ability to

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meet the requirements listed in s. NR 216.415, Wis. Adm. Code. The Department will notify the applicant in writing of its decision.

Before Applying

The municipality must have in place:

- **Authority.** Have legal authority and resources to implement and enforce the requirements of the program.
- **Ordinance.** Adopt, implement and enforce an ordinance with erosion control and storm water management requirements that comply with the performance standards in subchs. III and IV of ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code.
- **Staff.** Provide municipal staff, intergovernmental agreements or use of professional service contracts to administer the program.

After Authorization

- **Information.** Inform the public that it has an authorized local program under which landowners are to apply for Department erosion control and storm water management approval via the municipality.
- **Notice of Intent.** Require that landowners submit a copy of the Department's notice of

intent, or an equivalent application form, to the ALP to request municipal erosion control and storm water management approval.

- **Notification.** Upon local approval of erosion control and storm water management, the ALP shall notify applicants that they also have coverage under the Department's construction site storm water discharge general permit.

What Is the ALP Expected to Do with Applications

- Landowner submits notice of intent to the ALP *at least 30 calendar days* prior to the anticipated start of any land disturbing construction activities. Unless notified, the applicant is authorized to discharge storm water from the construction site after the 30 days. The ALP may issue permit coverage in less than 30 days.

ALP reviews proposed projects for compliance with the municipality's erosion control and storm water management ordinance(s).

ALP evaluates applications to identify projects that may be affected by wetland water quality standards, endangered and threatened resources protection requirements, and rules pertaining to any historic property.

Where the ALP identifies that a proposed construction site may be affected by requirements listed above, direct the landowner to the appropriate agency to address concerns or obtain proper authorization.

Note: A municipality operating an authorized local program has the authority to grant coverage under the Department construction site storm water general permit. However, projects that require other Department approvals, such as a permit under ch. 30, Wis. Stats., or water quality certification for work within wetlands, must still obtain those permits and approvals directly from the Department.